



# Province of Antwerp

## Aims

The Province of Antwerp aims to create accessible green spaces around the major cities. Because of the typical characteristics in the urban fringe surrounding these cities the provincial government has needed to develop integrated and interactive processes with all relevant authorities, residents and stakeholders. The project is working to establish a multifunctional project in the urban fringe in the north east of the City of Antwerp, structured around the valley system of the Laarse Beek river. The purpose of the project is to improve the open space in the area.



Play area



Steering Group meeting

## How was this achieved?

- Formed a steering group of local authority representatives and relevant stakeholders to bridge the existing gap between government and governance.
- Determined landscape quality objectives together with relevant stakeholders through questionnaires, SWOT and an interactive communication tool.
- Started a learning process to translate these objectives into spatial planning.
- Made a groundwater model and the design of a couple of fish stairs to solve existing fish migration problems. One fish stair will be playable!
- Increased the accessibility of green space.
- Used best practice models from previous local projects and project partners.

## About Province of Antwerp

### Population:

Province of Antwerp: 1,744,862

### Background:

The urban fringe in the north east of the city of Antwerp is considered an area where green space is important, at a local and regional level.

The urban fringe contains a series of watercourses, with the Laarse Beek stream flowing centrally.

There are large distances between local concentrated living areas and accessible green spaces which suffer from high recreational pressure.

Much open space is close to concentrated residential areas and is strongly influenced by the inhabitants of these areas.

Fish stair Laarse Beek

